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Mining and Environmental Services  
Solid and Building Products Division  
National Gypsum Company  
2001 Pectoral Road  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28211

CHARLOTTE GYPSUM COMPANY PROPERTY HAZARD SITE

Re: asbestos dust, Hazardous Waste Site, Hillington, New Jersey  
Dear Mr. Walker:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has expended public funds to investigate the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances at the above-referenced site. EPA intends to spend additional public funds on any investigative and corrective measures necessary to control such release and/or threatened release. Unless EPA determines that a responsible party will properly perform such actions, EPA intends to do so pursuant to applicable provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.

Under section 107(s) of CERCLA and other laws, responsible parties may be liable for any costs incurred by the government in taking corrective actions at the site. Such costs may include but need not be limited to, expenditures for investigation, planning, cleanup, or the site and enforcement. By this letter, EPA notifies the National Gypsum Company ("the company") of its potential liability with regard to this matter and encourages the company as a potentially responsible party, to undertake voluntary cleanup activities.

Responsible parties under CERCLA include current and past owners or operators and persons who generated the hazardous substances or were involved in the transport, treatment, or disposal of them. Based on site and state records EPA believes that the company may be a responsible party.

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Upon request, the Agency will discuss this information with you and will provide additional information on the nature and extent of the release and/or threatened release. Instructions on how to contact EPA's representative are set forth below. We urge you to contact the EPA representative as soon as possible.

You are hereby notified that EPA is planning to conduct the following studies at the site:

1. A general investigation to identify the nature and extent of the release and/or threatened release. The scope of this investigation may include:
  - a) Identification of local hydrogeological characteristics to evaluate groundwater quality and movement in the vicinity of the site;
  - b) Determination of the extent of soil, air and surface water contamination at the site;
2. Feasibility studies to evaluate possible remedial actions to remove or control hazardous substances at the site.

A general investigation/feasibility study, work plan, which contains information required for the previous studies, is available for your review upon request. In addition to the above studies, corrective measures may be necessary to protect public health, welfare or the environment. These corrective measures may include but need not be limited to:

1. Implementation of initial removal measures, e.g., removing the site to prevent contact with any hazardous or toxic substances, and/or removal of contaminated material from the surface.
2. Design and implementation of the EPA's long-term solution for addressing site groundwater, surface water, soil and air contamination.
3. Any monitoring and action deemed necessary after corrective measures have been completed.

Within fourteen (14) calendar days of your receipt of this letter, you should notify EPA in writing of the nature and extent of the above-mentioned studies and corrective measures the company may be willing to undertake. Otherwise, EPA will assume that the company declines to voluntarily undertake any such studies or corrective measures, and the Agency may proceed with them as it deems necessary. Your written response should identify by name, address and telephone number, the representative for further contact regarding this matter. If the company already is involved in discussions with State or local authorities, voluntary cleanup action, or lawsuits regarding this site, it is encouraged to continue any such activity and to report its status in the response. Please provide a copy of the response letter to any other governmental entities involved in such discussions or activities.

The letter of response should be sent to:

Mr. Robert McKnight  
Hazardous Waste Site Branch  
Office of Emergency and Remedial Response  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
26 Federal Plaza  
New York, New York 10278

If you need further information, you can reach Mr. McKnight by telephone at (212) 264-0106.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Librizzi, Director  
Office of Emergency and Remedial Response

cc: Tony Farro, NJDNP  
George King, NJDEP

bcc: William Sawyer, ORC